**Steel production and availability**

1362. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the steel production in the country from Fifth Five Year Plan to Eighth Five Year Plan, Plan wise;

(b) the per capita availability of Steel in each Plan; and

(c) the demand supply gap in each Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI RAMESH BAIS): (a) The production of finished carbon steel in India from Fifth Five Year Plan to Eighth Five Plan was as under:—

(In million tonnes)

| Sl. No. | Plan | Production of finished Carbon steel |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | 5th Plan(1974-79) | 32.332 |
| 2 | 6th Plan(1980-85) | 43.694 |
| 3 | 7th Plan(1985-90) | 59.708 |
| 4 | 8th Plan(1992-97) | 92.340 |

(b) The details of per capital availability of steel in each terminal year of Plan was as under:—

| | |
|---|---|
| 5th Plan | 13 kg |
| 6th Plan | 13 Kg |
| 7th Plan | 17 Kg |
| 8th Plan | 25 Kg |

(c) The apparent consumption of steel over a given period of time is taken as the actual demand. The production *vis-a-vis* demand/apparent consumption in respect finished steel in the last 4 Plans was as under;

(Quantity in million tonnes)

| PLAN | PRODUCTION | DEMANED/ APPARENT CONSUMPTION |
|---|---|---|
| 5th Plan | 32.332 | 34.789 |
| 6th Plan | 43.694 | 45.305 |
| 7th Plan | 59.708 | 62.334 |
| 8th Plan | 92.340 | 92.409 |

**Cost increase in the mining sector**

1363. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the average cost increase and time overrun per project in the mining sector during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the recent fall in the value of rupee is responsible for this increase; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to offset the increased price during the Ninth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI RAMESH BAIS): (a) There has been no cost increase and time overrun so far in any of the projects in the mining sector undertaken by any of the Public Sector Undertakings under the Department of Mines during the last three years.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

**इस्पात का आयात**

1364. **श्री गोविन्दराम मिरी:** क्या इस्पात और खान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) चालू वर्ष में अब तक सरकार द्वारा आयात किए गए इस्पात की कुल मात्रा तथा ऐसे देशों के नाम क्या-क्या हैं जहां से यह आयात आरंभ किया गया है;

(ख) आयातित इस्पात का मूल्य कितना है और यह किस क्षेत्र में इस्तेमाल किया जा रहा है;